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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's communication mailed 30 April
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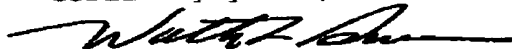
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Dear Examiner Gitomer:

Please find included herewith a response to the Office Action dated
30 April 2004 for the above-identified application.

Cordially yours,


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Ralph J. Gitomer (10 pages including cover letter) to Fax No. (703) 872-
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CLAIM ELECTION:

Applicant elects to prosecute original claims 15-20 and to cancel claims 1-14. New claims 21-35 have been added. No additional fees are required.